

FSP: 0012 FOLDING LEG SYSTEM

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Title: FOLDING LEG SYSTEM)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Mr. Szumny,

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2002, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

- Claims 1-5 are cancelled, without prejudice.
- Claims 6-9 are amended.
- New claims 11-15 are added.

6. (First Amendment) A folding leg system, comprising:

a first leg;

a first bracket mounted on a surface, the first bracket coupled to the first leg by way of a first pivot bolt such that the first leg can rotate in the first bracket between an up and a down positions;

a second leg;

a second bracket mounted on the surface, the second bracket coupled to the second leg by way of a second pivot bolt, the second bracket having a first section in which the second leg may rotate to a down position from an up position and a

second section in which the leg is prevented from rotating into the down position from the up position, the second bracket adapted so that the second leg may slide along the pivot bolt from the first to the second sections; and the first bracket mounted on the surface across from the second bracket, such that the first leg does not contact the second leg when the first and second legs are in the up position and the second leg is in the second section of the second bracket.

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7. (First Amendment) The system of claim 6, further comprising:

the first bracket having a first locking pin hole aligned to receive a first locking pin when the first leg is in the up position; and
the first bracket having a second locking pin hole to aligned receive the first locking pin when the first leg is in the down position.

8. (First Amendment) The system of claim 7, further comprising:

the second bracket having a third locking pin hole aligned to receive a second locking pin when the second leg is in the down position.

9. (First Amendment) A folding leg system, comprising:

a first leg;
a first bracket mounted on a surface, the first bracket coupled to the first leg by way of a first pivot bolt such that the first leg can rotate in the first bracket between an up and a down positions;
a second leg;

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a second bracket mounted on the surface, the second bracket coupled to the second leg by way of a second pivot bolt, the second bracket having a first section in which the second leg may rotate to a down position from an up position and a second section in which the leg is prevented from rotating into the down position from the up position, the second bracket adapted so that the second leg may slide along the pivot bolt from the first to the second sections;

the first bracket mounted on the surface across from the second bracket, such that the first leg does not contact the second leg when the first and second legs are in the up position and the second leg is in the second section of the second bracket;

the first bracket comprising first slots aligned to receive a shaft of a first locking device when the first leg is in the down position; and

the second bracket comprising second slots aligned to receive a shaft of a second locking device when the second leg is in the down position.

11. (New) A bracket comprising:

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at least two sides;

each side comprising a first hole aligned to receive a pivot bolt through a leg when a leg is positioned between the sides;

each side comprising a slot aligned to receive a shaft of a locking device when the leg is in a down position;

at least one side comprising a second hole aligned to receive a locking pin of the locking device when the shaft of the locking device is positioned in the slots;
and

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at least one side comprising a third hole aligned to receive the locking pin of the locking device when the shaft of the locking device is not positioned in the slots.

12. (New) The bracket of claim 11 further comprising:

a tab positioned to prevent rotation of the leg around the pivot bolt beyond a down position of the leg.

13. (New) A bracket comprising:

at least two sides each comprising a first hole aligned to receive a pivot bolt along which a leg may slide between a first and second sections of the bracket;

the first section formed such that the leg may rotate around the pivot bolt when positioned in the first section;

the second section formed such that the leg may not rotate around the pivot bolt when positioned in the second section;

a side of the first section comprising a slot aligned to receive a shaft of a locking device when the leg is rotated to a down position;

the side of the first section comprising a second hole aligned to receive a locking pin of the locking device when the shaft of the locking device is positioned in the slot; and

the side of the first section comprising a third hole aligned to receive the locking pin of the locking device when the shaft of the locking device is not positioned in the slot.

14. (New) The bracket of claim 3 further comprising:

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the second section comprising at least one tab to prevent rotation of the leg around the pivot bolt.

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15. (New) The bracket of claim 3 further comprising:

the first section formed to prevent rotation of the leg beyond the down position.

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Extra Claims Fee from below Fee Paid
 Total Claims 10 -20** = 0 x 9 = 0
 Independent Claims 4 -3** = 1 x 42 = 42
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue Independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219 160	Notice of Appeal	
120 320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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